

CHAPTER 3

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0301. Distinction Marks of Rank - Sleeve Lace

a. The distinguishing marks of rank worn on the sleeves of the ceremonial day coat, reefer jacket, blue mess jacket and, the tail coat worn by captains and above, consist of rows of gold lace with a circle (or 'curl') on the top or only row, right round each cuff as follows:

Admiral of the Fleet	4 rows of 14mm lace above a band of 45mm lace.
Admiral	3 rows of 14mm lace above a band of 45mm lace.
Vice-Admiral	2 rows of 14mm lace above a band of 45mm inch lace.
Rear-Admiral	1 row of 14mm lace above a band of 45mm lace.
Commodore	A band of 45mm lace with a circle of 13mm lace.
Captain	4 rows of 14mm lace.
Commander	3 rows of 14mm lace.
Lieutenant Commander	2 rows of 14mm lace with a row of 7mm lace between.
Lieutenant	2 rows of 14mm lace.
Sub Lieutenant	1 row of 14mm lace.

b. For Rear-Admirals and above the circle is 50mm in diameter, for other officers 45mm. For Commodores the circle is sewn immediately above the centre of the broad band, for other officers it is formed out of the upper row of lace with the upper part of the curl leading to the rear.

c. The space between the rows is to be 6mm.

d. The distance of the bottom edge of the lace from the cuff depends on the length of the sleeve and the amount of lace. The following distances are suitable for sleeves of average length:

Admiral of the Fleet	35mm
Admiral	45mm
Vice-Admiral	55 mm
Rear-Admiral and Captain	65mm
Commodore, Commander and Lieutenant	75mm
Lieutenant	80mm
Sub Lieutenant	90mm

0302. Distinguishing Marks on Shoulder Rank Boards and Slides

- a. Flag Officers and Commodores wear shoulder rank boards, as illustrated at [Annex 3B](#) , with silver devices superimposed on 45mm gold lace on the ceremonial day coat, greatcoat, white tunic, bush jacket and white mess jacket. On short sleeved white shirts, shoulder boards with either silver devices or rank lace may be worn as appropriate. On other garments that are fitted with shoulder flaps, such as the jersey and long sleeved shirt, they wear shoulder rank slides with rank markings as sleeve lace.
- b. RN Police Officers will wear the wording 'RN POLICE' embroidered on the lower edge of the rank board or slide.
- c. All other Officers wear the same rank markings on shoulder rank boards and slides as for sleeve lace.

0303. Midshipmen

Midshipmen wear a white 'turnback' at each collar on blue uniform jackets. A similar but smaller white turnback is featured on shoulder rank boards and slides. The button is to be removed from shoulder rank slides when they are worn with flying clothing.

0304. Officers Under Training

Officers Under Training wear white 'flashes' on the upper sleeve of blue uniform jackets and on shoulder flaps with rank slides to identify them as being under training. This badge is removed at different stages of training depending upon specialisation.

0305. QARNNS Officers

QARNNS Officers wear the same uniforms and rank insignia as RN Officers, but with the following differences:

- a. **Clinical Ward Uniform.** On the clinical ward uniform jacket fitted with shoulder flaps, nursing Officers wear the same rank markings on shoulder rank slides as for sleeve lace. Cloth name badge, incorporating Queen Alexandra's insignia is to be sewn on the jacket. The badge on female jackets is to be sewn with the top of the badge in line with the press-stud and positioned mid way across the vertical seam. For male jackets the badge is to be sewn 15cm vertically down from the shoulder seam and mid way between the centre of the garment and the seam of the sleeve.
- b. **Queen Alexandra's Insignia.** On blue uniform jackets, rank lace is surmounted by a separate Queen Alexandra's monogram in red and gold superimposed on a fowl anchor in gold, it is worn on both sleeves, positioned centrally 5mm above the circle in the uppermost row of rank lace.
- c. **Queen Alexandra's Insignia.** Required for Action Working Dress and Combat Clothing.
- d. **Ceremonial Ward Uniform - Capes.** Rank markings for female Officers are worn on the right hand side of the cape in the angle formed by the scarlet piping. The markings display the appropriate RN Officers rank below Queen Alexandra's insignia. (Drawn from HMS EXCELLENT Ceremonial Clothing Store).

e. **Ceremonial Ward Uniform - Belt plate.** A silver circular plate 58mm in diameter, bearing the design of a foul anchor with a crown above, surrounded by a laurel wreath, all in relief. Rectangular belt loop to fasten on left side. (Drawn from HMS EXCELLENT Ceremonial Clothing Store).

f. **Ceremonial Ward Uniform - Belts.** Un-boned navy blue petersham belts, fastened with belt plate, and worn on the navy blue ward dress. (Drawn from HMS EXCELLENT Ceremonial Clothing Store).

0306. RNR Officers

As part of the RNR integration process the gold letter 'R' in the curl has been removed and is no longer worn by RNR Officers.

0307. Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Officers and Sea Cadet Officers

These Officers wear the same uniform as RN except that waved rows of 10mm gold distinction lace with a waved curl on the uppermost row are worn. The Lieutenant Commanders narrow stripe is 3mm wide, waved and spaced 10mm from the outside stripes.

0308. CCF Officers, Sea Cadet Officers, School Staff Instructors and Cadets

CCF Officers, Sea Cadet Officers, School Staff Instructors and Cadets of the aforementioned organisations are entitled to receive certain items of uniform clothing at public expense. The scales of uniform and the procedures for demanding and accounting for uniform are contained in the following:

- a. **CCF, SSI and Cadets.** JSP 313 Naval Supplement to Part II (Annexes C and D Uniform Scales).
- b. **SCC.** Appendices to the Sea Cadet Regulations (ASCR) Section 1 which can be found at www.scheadquarters.

Once on the web site:

- Click on Regulations/Publications.
- Click on ASCR (Appendices to the Sea Cadet Regulations).
- Click on ASCR 3 (on the table), Section 1.

0309. Distinction Cloth and Civilian Officers

Medical and Dental officers wear a stripe of distinction cloth in the interval or intervals between the lace worn on cuff and shoulder insignia and below a single row of lace. Colours are:

- a. Medical Scarlet
- b. Dental Orange

When required to wear uniform, civilian officers wear the uniform prescribed for naval officers of equivalent rank with green distinction cloth between the lace.

0310. Aiguillettes

a. Aiguillettes (plain gold wire, gimp or gimp and orris as appropriate) are worn on the right shoulder with Number 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B dresses on all formal occasions by the following:

- (1) Admirals of the Fleet.
- (2) Officers holding the posts of Vice and Rear Admirals of the United Kingdom.
- (3) Personal Aides-de-Camp to The Queen.
- (4) Aides-de-Camp to The Queen.
- (5) Naval Equerries to The Queen or to members of the Royal Family.
- (6) Honorary Physicians, Chaplains, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and Nursing Officers to The Queen.
- (7) Defence Service Secretary.
- (8) Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp or Comptrollers to a Governor General.
- (9) Aide-de-Camp to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly to the Church of Scotland.

b. Board type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks, miniature silver anchors on metal tags) are worn on the right shoulder by:

- (1) Naval Members of the Defence Council
- (2) Naval Members of the Admiralty Board

c. Staff type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks) are worn on the right shoulder by:

- (1) Naval Assistant to the Secretary of State for Defence.
- (2) Officers appointed as Aides-de-Camp to a Governor or Lieutenant Governor.

d. Staff type aiguillettes (gold with navy blue flecks) are worn on the left shoulder by:

- (1) Personal staffs of all members of the Defence Council and VCDS.
- (2) MA to DSACEUR/COFS.
- (3) MA to DG Log SC.
- (4) Secretaries and Naval Assistants to Naval Members of the Admiralty Board.
- (5) The Flag Lieutenant to the Admiralty Board, Secretaries, Flag Lieutenants and Aides-de-Camp to:

- (a) 2SL/CinC Naval Home Command.
 - (b) CinC Fleet.
 - (c) Commander UK Task Group.
 - (d) Flag Officer Sea Training.
 - (e) Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland.
 - (f) Secretary to CBNS US.
- e. Staff type aiguillettes are also worn on the left shoulder by:
- (1) Personal staff of the Chairman of the Military Committee.
 - (2) NATO.
 - (3) Secretary and Flag Lieutenant to UKMILREP, NATO.
 - (4) Secretary and Flag Lieutenant to COS to COM-MCC-NAPLES.
 - (5) Secretary of SACLANT REP.
 - (6) Staff of Secretary of State for Defence.
 - (7) Head of BDS US.
 - (8) Defence and Naval Attaches.
 - (9) Assistant Defence and Naval Attaches.
 - (10) Service Advisers and Assistant Advisers to HM High Commissions in Commonwealth capitals.
- f. Board or staff type aiguillettes may not be worn concurrently with ADC's or Equerries aiguillettes. For instance, a member of the Admiralty Board or Naval Attaché who is also an ADC to The Queen wears the aiguillette appropriate to the latter appointment.
- g. 'Formal Occasions' are defined as those when swords or decorations are worn and when particular formality is called for outside the normal day-to-day routine of work or practice.
- h. Aiguillettes and the various accoutrements are issued on Individual Loan from the Uniform Clothing store HMS NELSON

0311. Royal Cyphers

- a. The Royal Cypher is available in large, small and miniature sizes. It is worn by:
 - (1) Admirals of the Fleet.
 - (2) Officers holding the posts of Vice and Rear Admirals of the United Kingdom.
 - (3) Aides-de-Camp to The Queen.
 - (4) Honorary Physicians, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons, Nursing Officers and Chaplains to The Queen Naval Equerries to The Queen Defence Services Secretary.
- b. In the cases of Personal Aides-de-Camp to The Queen, First and Principal Naval and Flag Aides-de-Camp to The Queen, the Officers concerned continue to wear the Cypher after relinquishing the appointment. If he or she has held the appointment under more than one Sovereign then the Cypher of each shall be worn.
- c. The large Cypher is worn on aiguillette shoulder straps, including the additional strap worn with the broad riband or collar of orders.
- d. The small Cypher is worn on both shoulder boards of the greatcoat, all white and khaki uniforms and on the shoulder rank slides worn with jerseys. It is placed at the foot of the gold lace for officers of Flag rank and superimposed on the lowest row of lace for other Officers, with the bottom of the Cypher even with the lower edge of lace. For chaplains the Cypher should be 0.32cm above the bottom edge of the shoulder strap. The chaplains insignia is placed immediately above the Cypher.
- e. The miniature Cypher is worn on the metal tags of aiguillettes by Personal Aides-de-Camp, Equerries and Extra Equerries to The Queen, and the Defence Service Secretary.
- f. Personal Aides-de-Camp wear the small Cypher on all shoulder boards and soft rank insignia.
- g. When the Cyphers of more than one Sovereign are worn, the small Cypher shall be worn in each case.

0312. Badges Worn by Officers

- a. The cap badge shall be worn in the centre of the cap front, sewn to the detachable braid band. The cloth background shall follow the outline of the badge and be trimmed no closer than 5mm to the embroidery of the badge.
- b. The beret badge, shall be worn over the left eye in the manner illustrated in [Chapter 2](#).
- c. Badges for additional qualifications for which specialist pay is available are worn as described below. These badges can continue to be worn even when the specialist pay ceases to be paid.

(1) *Blue uniform.* Sewn to the centre of the left sleeve of the reefer jacket and mess jacket, 6mm above the circle in the uppermost row of rank lace and in the corresponding place in the case of midshipmen. Officers, who wish, may at their option, wear miniature flying badges on the sleeve of the mess jacket.

(2) *White tunics, bush jackets and khaki/stone coloured uniform.* Fixed with 'pin and clutch' attachment 38mm centrally above the left breast pocket. If medals or medal ribbons are worn, the badge is to be worn centrally above the medals or top row of ribbons. On the white mess jacket, miniature badges are worn centrally on the left lapel over miniature medals.

d. RN Police Officers will wear a woven gold 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash at the top of each sleeve when wearing blue uniform.

0313. Badges Worn by Warrant Officers, Senior and Junior Ratings

a. Warrant Officers wear the Royal Arms on both cuffs of the blue reefer jacket with the bottom of the badge 127mm from the end of the sleeve. A smaller version of the same badge is worn on the optional mess jacket.

b. Shoulder rank slides with the Royal Arms are provided for Warrant Officers to wear with bush jackets, jerseys, AWD and Jackets WP. Members of the Royal Navy Police will have 'RN POLICE' embroidered on the lower edge of the shoulder rank slide.

c. An optional shoulder board with Royal Arms may be worn on the white short-sleeved shirt or the optional white mess jacket.

d. A black silver top cane with Royal Arms on the top, may be carried by:

(1) The Command Warrant Officer to 2SL (Victory cane may be carried on ceremonial occasions).

(2) The Command Warrant Officer to Admirals of Fighting Arms.

(3) Base Warrant Officers.

e. Chief Petty Officers are distinguished by three buttons worn horizontally on each cuff of the blue reefer jacket and white tunic, 127mm from the bottom of the sleeve. In addition, branch badges are worn on the lapel of blue reefer jackets, that on the right lapel being the normal branch badge, that on the left its mirror image. Identical buttons shall be worn on the optional blue mess jacket.

f. Shoulder rate slides with a badge comprising laurel leaves around a foul anchor surmounted by a crown are provided for wear with bush jackets, jerseys, AWD and Jackets WP. Members of the Royal Navy Police will have 'RN POLICE' embroidered on the lower edge of the shoulder rank slide.

g. Branch badges on overalls are worn over the left breast pocket.

- h. Petty Officers wear a badge comprising crossed foul anchors surmounted by a crown on the left arm of blue reefer jacket and a smaller version on the optional mess jacket. Branch badges are worn on the right arm, but not on the optional mess jacket. The centre of the rate and branch badges is to be mid-way between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow, sewn centrally onto the sleeve.
- i. Shoulder rate slides with the embroidered rate insignia are worn in the same manner as Chief Petty Officer. Members of the Royal Navy Police will have 'RN POLICE' embroidered on the lower edge of the shoulder rank slide.
- j. Leading Hands wear a badge comprising a single foul anchor on the left sleeve of the Class II jumper. It and the skill and branch badges are worn as for petty officers.
- k. Shoulder rate slides consisting of a foul anchor woven in gold are worn on the jersey, AWD, Shirts White and Jackets WP. Members of the Royal Navy Police will have 'RN POLICE' embroidered on the lower edge of the shoulder rank slide.
- l. Regulating Petty Officers and Leading Regulators wear a badge comprising a crown on the right sleeve of their white short-sleeve shirt. When wearing the white long sleeve shirt Regulating Police Petty Officers wear the same design as a tiepin. Masters at Arms wear a badge comprising laurel leaves supporting a crown as a brassard on their right wrist. All RN Police WOs, Senior Rates and junior Rates will wear a woven gold 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash at the top of each sleeve when wearing blue uniform.
- m. Able Rates and below a shoulder slide consisting of Royal Navy woven in gold is worn on jersey, AWD, shirts white and jackets WP.
- n. Royal Navy shoulder slides are issued on completion of Phase 1 training. Trainees within RN Rating Phase 1 training are to wear orange epaulettes.

0314. Gilt Submariner Specialisation Badge

The Submariner Specialisation Badge consists of the QEII commissioning crown sited above two heraldic dolphins. The badge is of gilt and can be worn by all RN qualified submariner personnel as follows:

- a. **Blue uniforms.** On the left breast of the reefer jacket between the lapel and the shoulder, horizontal, level with the point of the lapel. The badge should sit 6mm above medal ribbons or medals. On the mess jacket, a miniature badge is worn on the left lapel, 25mm below the point of the lapel, 6mm above miniature medals.
- b. **White tunics, bush jackets and khaki/stone coloured uniform.** In accordance with Para 0312c [sub para \(2\)](#).
- c. **No 3A uniform.** A miniature badge, as worn on Mess Jackets, may be worn, horizontally, in a central position on the tie. The miniature badge is paid for at own expense.
- d. **No 3B uniform.** Fixed with a 'pin and clutch' attachment, horizontally, 38mm centrally above the left breast pocket.

0315. Communications Technicians

Communication Technicians will be issued with a Basic Device Branch Badge with the letters CT.

0316. Good Conduct Badges

These are represented by V-shaped stripes, 12.5mm in width at the perpendicular and 127mm across the top of the V, and are worn on the left arm by entitled ratings below the rate of Chief Petty Officer. When worn without a rate badge, the centre of the device is to be midway between the point of the shoulder and the point of the elbow. When more than one Good Conduct Badge is worn, the distance between them at the perpendicular is to be 12.7mm.

0317. Stars and Crowns

These are added to the basic branch and specialist qualification badges to indicate certain classes of qualification as follows:

- a. Basic device: on entering a sub-branch.
- b. Basic device with star above: on qualifying professionally for Able Rate.
- c. Basic device with star above and star below: on qualifying professionally for Leading Rate.
- d. Basic device with crown above: on qualifying professionally for Petty Officer.
- e. Chief Petty Officers attain no additional professional qualification and wear the basic device with crown above.

0318. Specialist Qualification Badges

Badges for additional qualifications and special skills are not worn by Officers/Warrant Officers and are worn on the right cuff by other ratings as follows:

- a. Chief Petty Officers 6mm above the centre cuff button.
- b. Other ratings 36mm from the end of the sleeve.

0319. Cap Ribbons

- a. Prior to commissioning, HM Ships should demand a first issue of cap ribbons from:

Defence Clothing Team
Customer Support Officer (Royal Navy)
Spur 5, B Block
MoD Ensleigh
Bath
BA1 5AB

- b. All other requests for new cap ribbons should be forwarded to DC IPT CSORN.

(1) It is appropriate for units containing significant numbers of junior ratings (20 plus), including Joint service establishments, to have their own cap ribbons in order to promote unit identity and esprit de corps.

- (2) Units with less than 20 Junior Ratings where there is no local sponsoring RN establishment will wear an alternate Cap Tally with the text "Royal Navy", these are available upon request from HMS NELSON Clothing Store. However, exceptions may be allowed when a strong case for individual unit identity exists.
- (3) The use of acronyms on Cap Ribbons is to be avoided wherever possible.
- (4) When demanding Cap Ribbons it is important to quote on the Demand Form exactly what is required i.e. "HMS SAMPLE"/H.M.S. SAMPLE.

ANNEX 3A

RN DRESS TABLES

1. 1A Dress - Formal Dress/Undress

a. Occasions For Wear:

- (1) When receiving HM The Queen, other Crowned Heads or Heads of State.
- (2) When receiving Royalty unless ordered to the contrary by CinC.
- (3) Inspections by Flag Officers.
- (4) Funerals, Courts Martial, Divisions and other appropriate Ceremonial Events.
- (5) Full Ceremonial State-Events as ordered.

b. Description:

Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (Note 1)
Ceremonial day coat/Blue reefer jacket (Note 2)	Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace	Blue reefer jacket with rate badges	Blue class II jumper
Gold laced trousers/blue trousers/skirt (Note 7)	Blue trousers/skirt (Note 7)	Blue trousers/skirt (Note 7)	Blue class II trousers
White long sleeved shirt	White long sleeved shirt	White long sleeved shirt	Shirt uniform class II
Black Tie	Black Tie	Black tie	Seamen's blue collar
Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 8)	Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 8)	Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 8)	Black scarf assembly
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	Lanyard
Sword with Admiral's scabbard (Note 9)	Sword (Note 3)	Sword (Note 3 & Note 6)	Black socks
Admiral's sword belt (Note 9)	Sword belt (Note 3)	Sword belt (Note 3 & Note 6)	Black boots
White gloves (Note 3)	White gloves (Note 3 & Note 9)	Black boots (Note 3 & Note 5)	White webbing (Note 3 & Note 5)
Brown gloves (Note 4)	Brown gloves (Note 4 & Note 9)	White webbing (Note 3 & Note 5)	"Frog" and bayonet (Note 3 & Note 5)
Greatcoat (Note 3)	Greatcoat (Note 3)	Greatcoat (Note 3)	Rifle as appropriate (Note 3 & Note 6)
	Black boots (Note 3 & Note 5)	Cutlass/rifle and bayonet (Note 6)	Greatcoat (3)
		Brown gloves (Note 3, Note 4 & Note 10)	White gloves (Note 3 & Note 9)

Notes:

1. *Worn during religious services by female personnel. Junior Ratings, chinstays are to be down when armed.*
2. *Ceremonial Day Coat to be worn by those eligible: Admirals of the Fleet, full Admirals, Second Sea Lord (as Flag ADC and a Commander-in-Chief) and the Defence Services Secretary when a Naval Officer.*
3. *Drawn from Loan Pool.*
4. *Worn only with greatcoat (see [Note 8](#))*
5. *Worn on ceremonial parade with rifle and by Officers forming a guard with rifles (MMC).*
6. *MAAs and certain Warrant Officers, Senior and Junior Ratings may be armed with rifle and bayonet. A cutlass is carried by a Chief Petty officer in escort to the White Ensign Ceremonial Kit (WECK) and Senior Rating/Leading Rating escort at court martial.*
7. *Female personnel to wear tights or stockings with skirts, socks are to be worn with trousers.*
8. *White gloves may be ordered for tri-service parades when Officers are to wear brown gloves. The Colour Officer wears white gloves.*
9. *Only to be worn with the Ceremonial day coat.*
10. *Warrant Officers only.*

c. Decoration/Medals:

- (1) Collar and/or broad Riband.
- (2) Up to 4 stars of orders.
- (3) Up to 3 neck decorations.
- (4) Medals.

1A Dress - Formal Dress/Undress

Fig 3A-1a. Officers



Fig 3A-1b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-1c. Junior Ratings



2. 1B Dress - Formal Dress/Undress

a. Occasions for Wear:

- (1) Inspection by Flag Officers.
- (2) Exchanging visits of ceremony as an alternative to 1A dress.
- (3) Funerals.
- (4) Other occasions as ordered.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (1)
Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace	Blue reefer jacket with rate badges	Blue class II jumper
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trouser/skirt	Blue class II trousers
White long sleeved shirt	White long sleeved shirt	Shirt uniform class II
Black tie	Black tie	Seaman's blue collar
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black scarf assembly
Black shoes or mess boots/ court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	Lanyard
Greatcoat (Note 2)	Greatcoat (Note 2)	Black socks
Brown gloves (Note 3)		Black shoes
		Greatcoat (2)

Notes:

1. Worn during religious services by female personnel.
2. Optional - drawn from Loan Pool.
3. Worn only with greatcoat.

c. Decorations/Medals:

- (1) Up to 2 stars of orders.
- (2) 1 neck decoration.
- (3) Medals.

1B Dress - Formal Dress/Undress

Fig 3A-2a. Officers



Fig 3A-2b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-2c. Junior Ratings



3. 1C Dress - Formal Dress/Undress

a. Occasions for Wear:

- (1) Memorial Services unless ordered to the contrary by the convening authority.
- (2) Occasions of duty or minor ceremonial.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (see Note)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (see Note)	Seaman's cap (see Note)
Blue reefer jacket with sleeve rank lace	Blue reefer jacket with rate badges	Blue class II jumper
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt	Blue class II trousers
White long sleeved shirt	White long sleeved shirt	Shirt uniform class II
Black tie	Black tie	Seaman's blue collar
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black scarf assembly
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	Lanyard
Optional raincoat	Optional raincoat	Black socks
Optional brown gloves		Black shoes
		Optional raincoat

Note. Worn during religious services by female personnel.

c. Decorations/Medals: Medal ribbons.

1C Dress - Formal Dress/Undress**Fig 3A-3a. Officers (Male)****Fig 3A-2b. Officers (Female)****Fig 3A-3c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-3d. Junior Ratings**

4. 2A Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress

a. Occasions for Wear:

- (1) Official or Public Balls, Dinners and Evening Receptions of the Formal Nature.
- (2) Full Ceremonial Evening Events.

b. Description:

Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Warrant officers & senior ratings wear 1C or optional 2B rig	As for 1C rig
Dress tail coat with sleeve rank lace (Note 2)	Blue mess jacket with sleeve rank lace (Note 2)		
Gold laced trousers/skirt (Note 4)	Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 4)		
Stiff fronted shirt with detached wing collar (Note 3)	White Marcella shirt		
Black bow-tie	Black bow-tie		
White waistcoat/black cummerbund (Note 5 & Note 6)	White waistcoat/black cummerbund (Note 5 & Note 6)		
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings		
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes		

Notes:

1. *Optional.*
2. *Dress tailcoat or blue mess jacket are optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
3. *Soft white Marcella shirt may, optionally, be worn.*
4. *Blue mess trousers or gold-laced trousers (for wear with either dress tailcoat or blue mess jacket) are optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
5. *Cummerbund compulsory for female Officers in place of white waistcoat.*
6. *Old style of female mess dress may be worn until replaced by new pattern.*

c. **Decorations/Medals:**

- (1) Broad riband.
- (2) Up to 4 stars of orders.
- (3) One neck decoration.
- (4) Miniature medals.

2A Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress

Fig 3A-4a. Officers (Male)



Fig 3A-4b. Officers (Female)



Fig 3A-4c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-4d. Junior Ratings



5. 2B Dress - Evening Dress/Undress

a. Occasions for Wear:

- (1) Dinner when 2A dress is not appropriate.
- (2) Evening dances and entertainments.
- (3) Evening duties.

b. Description

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings <i>1C rig or optionally:</i>	Junior Ratings
Peaked Cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	As for 1C rig
Blue mess jacket with sleeve rank lace (Note 2 & Note 6)	Blue mess jacket with rate badges (Note 6)	
Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 2 , Note 3 & Note 6)	Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 6)	
Blue waistcoat/black cummerbund (Note 4 & Note 5)	White Marcella shirt	
White Marcella shirt	Black cummerbund (Note 4)	
Black bow-tie	Black bow-tie	
Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 6)	Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 6)	
Black court shoes or mess boots/court shoes (Note 6)	Black shoes/court shoes (Note 6)	

Notes:

1. *Optional.*
2. *Dress tailcoat or blue mess jacket is optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
3. *Blue mess trousers or gold laced trousers (for wear with either dress tailcoat or blue mess jacket) are optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
4. *Cummerbund compulsory for female Officers in place of waistcoat.*
5. *Old style of female mess dress may be worn until replaced by new pattern.*
6. *Kilt with accoutrements may be worn optionally by male personnel in place of blue mess trousers, black socks and shoes. Long tartan skirts may be worn by female personnel.*

c. Decorations/Medals:

- (1) Up to 2 stars of orders.
- (2) One neck decoration.
- (3) Miniature medals.

2B Dress - Evening Dress/Undress

Fig 3A-5a. Officers



Fig 3A-5b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-5c. Junior Ratings (Male)



Fig 3A-5d. Junior Ratings (Female)



6. 2C Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) "Red Sea Rig"
- (2) Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (Note 1)
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Cummerbund (Note 2)	Cummerbund (Note 2)	Blue trousers/skirt
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt	Black socks/black tights/stockings
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black shoes
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	

Notes:

- 1. The wearing of the cap/Tricorn hat is optional.
- 2. Ships cummerbunds may be worn in lieu of plain black.

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

2C Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress

Fig 3A-6a. Officers



Fig 3A-6b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-6c. Junior Ratings



7. 3A Dress - General Duty Rig**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) Semi formal day rig, worn ashore and afloat.
- (2) Can be worn throughout the year.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Seaman's cap/beret
White long sleeved shirt	White long sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Shoulder rank slides	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
Black tie	Black tie	Blue trousers/skirt
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt	Black socks/black tights/stockings
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black shoes/court shoes
Black shoes/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

3A Dress - General Duty Rig

Fig 3A-7a. Officers (Female)



Fig 3A-7b. Officers (Male)



Fig 3A-7c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-7d. Junior Ratings



8. 3B Dress - General Duty Rig**a. Occasions For Wear:**

- (1) Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- (2) Can be worn throughout the year.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Beret/seaman's cap
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Shoulder rank boards or rank slides	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt
Black socks/black tights /stockings	Black socks/black tights / stockings	Black socks/black tights / stockings
Black shoes/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

3B Dress - General Duty Rig

Fig 3A-8a. Officers



Fig 3A-8b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-8c. Junior Ratings



9. 3C Dress - General Duty Rig**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) Semi formal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- (2) Can be worn throughout the year.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Jersey worn over 3A dress	Jersey worn over 3A dress	No equivalent rig
	Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out	

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

3C Dress - General Duty Rig

Fig 3A-9a. Officers



Fig 3A-9b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Junior Ratings

No equivalent rig

10. 3D DRESS - GENERAL DUTY RIG**a. Occasions For Wear:**

- (1) Semi Formal or Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- (2) Can be worn throughout the year.

b. Description:

Officer	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out	Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out	Jersey worn over 3B dress with shirt collar out

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

3D Dress - General Duty Rig

Fig 3A-10a. Officers

Fig 3A-10b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-10c. Junior Ratings (Female)

Fig 3A-10d. Junior Ratings (Male)



11. 4 Dress - Action Working Dress (AWD)

- a. **Occasions For Wear:** Action working dress.
- b. **Description:**

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat.	Beret/seaman's cap
Jersey optional	Jersey optional	Jersey optional
Blue Shirt AWD	Blue Shirt AWD	Blue Shirt AWD
Blue working fire retardant shirt	Blue working fire retardant shirt	Blue working fire retardant shirt
Shoulder rank slides	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
Blue working fire retardant trousers	Blue working fire retardant trousers	Blue working fire retardant trousers
Trouser Blue AWD	Trouser Blue AWD	Trouser Blue AWD
Black socks	Black socks	Black socks
Black non-slip shoes/boots	Black non-slip shoes/boots	Black non-slip shoes/boots

- c. **Decorations/Medals:** None.

4 Dress - Action Working Dress (AWD)

Fig 3A-11a. Officers



Fig 3A-11b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-11c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-11d. Junior Ratings



12. 5 Dress - Working Rigs

- a. **Occasions for Wear:** Job specific working rigs worn at sea and ashore.
- b. **Description:**

Officers and all Ratings
Occupational working rigs worn at sea and ashore for specific tasks (all ranks)(eg chefs, divers, boats crews etc)

Notes:

- 1. *White coveralls may be worn by Officers and Warrant Officers and FOST staff when working in sterile environments as required.*
- 2. *Flight Deck Officers x 2 White Coveralls.*
- 3. *QARNNS new ward clinical uniform x 5 jacket and trousers. Compulsory for QARNNS Officers, Warrant Officers, Senior Ratings and Junior Ratings. Student Nurses under training will wear this uniform when on clinical placements.*

- c. **Decorations/Medals:** None.

5 Dress - Working Rigs

Officers and All Ratings

Fig 3A-12a. Nursing Officer



Fig 3A-12b. Boats Crew



Fig 3A-12c. Flight Deck Rating



Fig 3A-12d. QARNNS Clinical Uniform

Photograph to be provided

13. 1AW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) When receiving HM The Queen, other crowned heads or heads of state.
- (2) When receiving royalty unless ordered to the contrary by the relevant CinC.
- (3) Full ceremonial state events as ordered.
- (4) Inspections by Flag officers.
- (5) Funerals, courts martial, divisions and other appropriate ceremonial events.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (Note 1)
Bush jacket (Note 2)	Bush jacket (Note 2)	White class II jumper (C/W blue on white badges)
White trousers/skirt	White trousers/skirt	White class II trousers
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder rate slides/rate badges	Shirt uniforms class II
White socks	White socks	Seaman's blue collar
White shoes/white court shoes	White shoes/white court shoes	Black scarf assembly
Sword with scabbard (Note 3)	Sword belt (Note 3)	Lanyard
Sword belt (Note 3)		White socks
Black Gaiters (Note 3 & Note 5)	Black socks (Note 5)	White shoes
Black Socks (Note 4 & Note 5)	Black boots (Note 5)	Black socks (Note 4)
Black Boots (Note 4 & Note 5)	White webbing (Note 3 & Note 4)	Black shoes (Note 4)
	White gloves (Note 3 & Note 7)	Black boots (Note 4)
	Sword/cutlass/rifle and bayonet (Note 6)	White webbing (Note 3 & Note 4)
		"Frog" and bayonet (Note 3 & Note 4)
		Rifle as appropriate (Note 3)
		White gloves (Note 3 & Note 7)

Notes:

1. Worn during religious services by female personnel. Junior ratings 'chinstays' to be down when armed.

2. *White tunic may be worn by Officers of Flag rank and certain members of staff, Commodores, Captains, Commanders in command, certain members of Flag Officers' staffs, executive officers of major warships, Attaches, Advisors, British Naval Staff overseas and Officers in certain exchange appointments. Also by other Officers Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings when required to conform with accepted international standards of dress on state or major ceremonial occasions as directed by CinCFleet after consultation with Navy Command HQ Logistics Capability Division.*
3. *Drawn from Loan Pool.*
4. *Worn on ceremonial parades when carrying rifle and by Officers forming a guard with rifles (BRNC).*
5. *Worn by Officers in charge of guards, ceremonial training and Field Gun Officers or Warrant Officers.*
6. *MAAs and certain Warrant Officers carry black handled swords. Senior and Junior Ratings may be armed with rifle and bayonet. A cutlass is carried by a Chief Petty Officer in escort to the WECK and Senior Rating/Leading Rating escort at court martial.*
7. *White gloves may be ordered for tri-service parades.*
8. *Leading Regulators are to wear the Blue embroidered 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash towards the top of each sleeve.*

c. **Decorations/Medals:**

- (1) Collar and/or broad Riband.
- (2) Up to 4 stars of orders.
- (3) Up to 3 neck decorations.
- (4) Medals.

1AW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White**Fig 3A-13a. Officers (Male)****Fig 3A-13b. Officers (Female)****Fig 3A-13c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-13d. Junior Ratings**

14. 1BW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions For Wear:**

- (1) Inspections by Flag Officers.
- (2) Ceremonial exchange visits as an alternative to 1A dress.
- (3) Funerals.
- (4) Other occasions as ordered

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (Note 1)
Bush jacket (Note 2)	Bush jacket (Note 2)	White class II jumper
White trousers/skirt	White trousers/skirt	White class II trousers
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder rate slides	C/W badges
White socks	White socks	Shirt uniform class II
White shoes/white court shoes	White shoes/white court shoes	Seaman's blue collar
		Black scarf assembly
		Lanyard
		White socks
		White shoes

Notes:

1. Worn during religious services by female personnel.
2. White tunic may be worn by Officers of Flag rank and certain members of staff, Commodores, Captains, Commanders in Command, Executive Officers of major warships, Attaches, Advisors, British Naval Staff overseas and Officers in certain exchange appointments. Also by other Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings when required to conform with accepted international standards of dress on state or major ceremonial occasions as directed by CinCFleet after consultation with Navy Command HQ Logistics Capability Division.
3. Leading Regulators are to wear the Blue embroidered 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash towards the top of each sleeve.

c. Decorations/Medals:

- (1) Up to 2 stars of orders.
- (2) 1 neck decoration.
- (3) Medals.

1BW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White

Fig 3A-14a. Officers



Fig 3A-14b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings



Fig 3A-14c. Junior Ratings



15. 1CW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) Memorial Services unless ordered to the contrary by the convening authority.
- (2) Occasions of duty or minor ceremonial.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Seaman's cap (Note 1)
Bush jacket	Bush Jacket	White class II jumper
White trousers/skirt	White trousers/skirt	White class II trousers
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder Rate Slides	Shirt uniform class II
White socks	White socks	Seaman's blue collar
White shoes/white court shoes	White shoes/white court shoes	Black scarf assembly
		Lanyard
		White socks
		White shoes

Notes:

1. Worn during religious services by female personnel.
2. Black shoes and raincoats may be worn in inclement weather.
3. Leading Regulators are to wear the Blue embroidered 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash towards the top of each sleeve.

c. Decorations/Medals: Medal ribbons.

1CW Dress - Formal Dress/Undress White**Fig 3A-15a. Officers (Male)****Fig 3A-15b. Officers (Female)****Fig 3A-15c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-15d. Junior Ratings**

16. 2AW Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) Official or public balls, dinners and evening receptions of the formal nature.
- (2) Full ceremonial evening events.

b. Description:

Admirals	Other Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	1CW or optional 2BW white rig	As for 1CW rig
White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards	White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards		
Gold laced trousers/skirt (Note 3)	Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 3)		
Stiff fronted shirt with detached wing collar (Note 2)	White Marcella shirt		
Black bow-tie	Black bow-tie		
White waistcoat/black cummerbund (Note 4)	White waistcoat/black cummerbund (Note 4)		
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings		
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes		

Notes:

1. *Optional.*
2. *Soft white Marcella shirt may optionally be worn.*
3. *Gold laced trousers are optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
4. *Cummerbund worn by female Officers, white waistcoat by male Officers.*
5. *Leading Regulators are to wear the Blue embroidered 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash towards the top of each sleeve.*

c. Decorations/Medals:

- (1) Broad riband.
- (2) Up to 4 stars of orders.
- (3) One neck decoration.
- (4) Miniature medals.

2AW Dress- Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**Fig 3A-16a. Officers****Fig 3A-16b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-16c. Junior Ratings**

17. 2BW Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) Dinner when 2A dress is not appropriate.
- (2) Evening dances and entertainments.
- (3) Evening duties.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings <i>1CW or optionally:</i>	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (Note 1)	As for 1CW rig
White mess jacket with shoulder rank boards	White mess jacket with miniature rate badges	
Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 2 & Note 4)	Blue mess trousers/skirt (Note 4)	
Black cummerbund (Note 3)	White Marcella shirt	
White Marcella shirt	Black cummerbund (Note 3)	
Black bow-tie	Black bow-tie	
Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 4)	Black socks/black tights/stockings (Note 4)	
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes (Note 4)	Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes (Note 4)	

Notes:

1. *Optional.*
2. *Gold laced trousers are optional for male Officers of the rank of Captain and above.*
3. *Cummerbund to be worn by female Officers, blue waistcoat optionally worn by male Officers.*
4. *Kilt with accoutrements may optionally be worn by male personnel in place of blue mess trousers, black socks and shoes. Long skirts may similarly be worn by female personnel.*
5. *Leading Regulators are to wear the Blue embroidered 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' shoulder flash towards the top of each sleeve.*

c. Decorations/Medals:

- (1) Up to 2 stars of orders.
- (2) One neck decoration.
- (3) Miniature medals.

2BW Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**Fig 3A-17a. Officers****Fig 3A-17b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-17c. Junior Ratings**

18. 2CW Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**a. Occasions for Wear:**

- (1) "Red Sea Rig".
- (2) Informal evening uniform in ships and establishments.

b. Description:

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (see Note)	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat (see Note)	Seaman's cap (see Note)
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Black cummerbund	Black cummerbund (see Note)	Blue trousers/skirt
Blue trousers/skirt	Blue trousers/skirt	Black socks/black tights/stockings
Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black socks/black tights/stockings	Black shoes/court shoes
Black shoes or mess boots/court shoes	Black shoes/court shoes	

Note. *Optional.*

c. Decorations/Medals: None.

2CW Dress - Formal Evening Dress/Undress White**Fig 3A-18a. Officers (Male)****Fig 3A-18b. Officers (Female)****Fig 3A-18c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-18d. Junior Ratings**

19. 3AW Dress - General Duty Rig White

- a. **Occasions for Wear:** Semi formal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- b. **Description:**

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Beret/seaman's cap
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Shoulder rank boards or rank slides	Should rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
White trousers/dress/skirt (Note 1)	White trousers/dress/skirt (Note 1)	White trousers/dress (Note 1)
White socks	White socks	White socks
White shoes/court shoes (Note 2)	White shoes/court shoes (Note 2)	White shoes/court shoes (Note 2)

Notes:

1. *White dresses or skirts may be worn by female personnel ashore as appropriate.*
2. *Black shoes and raincoats may be worn in inclement weather.*

- c. **Decorations/Medals:** None.

3AW Dress - General Duty Rig White**Fig 3A-19a. Officers (Male)****Fig 3A-19b. Officers (Female)****Fig 3A-19c. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-19d. Junior Ratings**

20. 3BW Dress - General Duty Rig White

- a. **Occasions for Wear:** Informal day rig worn ashore and afloat.
- b. **Description:**

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/Tricorn hat	Seaman's cap
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt
Should rank boards or rank/slides	Shoulder rate slides	Shoulder rate slides
White shorts/skirt	White shorts/skirt	Black long socks
White long socks	White long socks	Black long socks
White shoes (see Note)	White shoes (see Note)	Black shoes

Note. *Black shoes may be worn in inclement weather.*

- c. **Decorations/Medals:** None.

3BW Dress - General Duty Rig White**Fig 3A-20a. Officers****Fig 3A-20b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-20c. Junior Ratings (Female)****Fig 3A-20d. Junior Ratings (Male)**

21. 3CW Dress - General Duty Rig White

a. **Occasions for Wear:** At sea in hot climates.

b. **Description:**

Officers	Warrant Officers & Senior Ratings	Junior Ratings
Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat	Peaked cap/beret/Tricorn hat/seaman's cap	Beret
White short sleeved shirt	White short sleeved shirt	Shoulder rate slide
Shoulder rank boards	Shoulder rate slides	White t-shirt
White shorts	White shorts	Blue shorts
Boat shoes	Boat shoes	Boat shoes
	or	or
	Shirt Blue AWD	Shirt Blue AWD
	Blue shorts	Blue shorts

c. **Decorations/Medals:** None.

3CW Dress - General Duty Rig White**Fig 3A-21a. Officers****Fig 3A-21b. Warrant Officers and Senior Ratings****Fig 3A-21c. Junior Ratings**

Fig 3A-22. Uniform Fitting Guide (Officers)



Cap Badges are to be in line with the seam on the peak cap and central of the tricorne Cap. Ties are to be of small knot and symmetrical.



Creases to the sleeves of the blue reefers jacket are to the front and vertical.
Medals are worn on the left breast in one horizontal line, 90mm down, central from the shoulder blade.



Trouser creases are to be vertical and central to front and rear of the leg. Trousers should hang straight, with the hem hanging mid way between the top of the heel and the top of the shoe.



Cuff links should be of a conservative, military style.



Handkerchiefs are not to be worn on ceremonial occasions.



Distinction Mark of Rank - see below

Distinction Mark of Rank – Sleeve Lace

Sleeve lace consists of rows of gold lace with a circle or a curl on the top row only right round each cuff as follows;

Admiral of the Fleet	4 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Admiral	3 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Vice-Admiral	2 rows of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Rear Admiral	1 row of 13mm lace above a band of 50mm lace.
Commodore	A band of 42mm lace with a circle of 13mm.
Captain	4 rows of 13mm lace.
Commander	3 rows of 13mm lace.
Lieutenant Commander	2 rows of 13mm lace with a row of 6mm lace between.
Lieutenant	2 rows of 13mm lace.
Sub Lieutenant	1 row of 13mm lace.



Fig 3A-23. Uniform Fitting Guide (WOs and SRs)



Cap Badges are to be in line with the seam on the peak cap and central of the tricorn Cap. Ties are to be of small knot and symmetrical.



Creases to the sleeves of the blue reefer jacket are to the front and vertical.
Medals are worn on the left breast in one horizontal line, 90mm down, central from the shoulder blade.



Trouser creases are to be vertical and central to front and rear of the leg. Trousers should hang straight, with the hem hanging mid way between the top of the heel and the top of the shoe.



Cuff links should be of a conservative, military style.



Chief Petty Officer branch specialisation badges are to be worn on the lapels of the blue reefer jacket, that on the right lapel being the normal branch badge, that on the left its mirror image.



Warrant Officers are to wear the Royal Arms on both cuffs, with the bottom of the badge 127mm from the end of the sleeve.
Chief Petty Officers buttons are worn horizontal and centralised 127mm from the bottom of the sleeve and with a distance of 50mm between the buttons.
Petty Officers buttons are situated at the rear of sleeve, 25mm from the bottom and 25mm between buttons.



Petty Officer Rate badge is worn on the left arm and Branch badges on the right. Centre of the rate and branch badges are to be sewn to the flat of the sleeve, mid way between the shoulder and the elbow.

Fig 3A-24. Uniform Fitting Guide (Junior Rates)



Press shirt with outward crease down each arm and vertically down front centre.



Press 3 vertical creases in the collar. Centre crease downwards, outer creases upwards (see diagram)



Lanyard placed over the head, under both the collar and jumper then passed out through the right becket, looped round, passed back in through left becket. Tail passed around and tucked into left pocket. The loop of lanyard to be 7.5cm in diameter.



Fit jumper at waist so it does not bow at hem. Cuff length to finish mid way between wrist and end of thumb. Leg length to just rest on shoe.



Place the cap ribbon so that the middle letter is aligned with the cap's centre front seam.



Silk bow press stud webbing passed through both becket loops. Silk, folded edge nearest to the neck, passes under both the collar and jumper and over laps and fastens behind the neck at the required length.



Tie the bow directly over the left ear. Place the cap so that the centre front seam is over the nose.

Fig 3A-25. Tying a Cap Ribbon

1) Centre the tally with the centre letter including gaps, under the front seam of the cap. Tie an overhand knot directly under the left hand seam of the cap holding the tally firmly in position with the thumb until the bow is formed.



2) The upper tail is brought down and up again to form the first bight of the bow.



3) The lower tail is passed over the first bight and then up on the outside.



4) A bight is formed in the right hand tail and tucked behind the top end of the first bight.



5) The tally can be steamed over a boiling kettle and tails trimmed to shape.



6) The bow and knot is now carefully formed and tightened.

ANNEX 3E

NAVAL OFFICERS AND RATINGS

ILLUSTRATIONS OF RN & QARNNS BADGES OF RANK/RATE & OTHER INSIGNIA

1. Badges and Distinction Marks of Rank

a. Naval Officers.

(1) *Cap/Beret Badges:*

Fig 3E-1a. Cap Badge



Fig 3E-1b. Beret Badge



Fig 3E-1c. Chaplain's Cap/Beret Badge

(2) *Cap Peaks:*

Fig 3E-2a. Flag Officers



Fig 3E-2b. Commodore, Captain and Commander



Fig 3E-2c. Other Officers

(3) *Tricorn Hat Bands:*

Fig 3E-3a. Flag Officers



Fig 3E-3b. Commodore, Captain and Commander



Fig 3E-3c. Other Officers

(4) *Officers Belt Plate and Buttons:*

Fig 3E-4a. Officers Belt Plate



Fig 3E-4b. Flag Officers Buttons



Fig 3E-4c. Other Officers Buttons



Note. For QARNNS Ceremonial Uniform only.

(5) *Specialist Badges:*

Fig 3E-5a. Pilot



Fig 3E-5b. Observer



Fig 3E-5c. Parachutist



Fig 3E-5d. Submariner



Fig 3E-5e. Flash

(6) *Flag Officer's Shoulder Straps:*

Fig 3E-6a. Admiral of the Fleet



Fig 3E-6b. 4* Admiral



Fig 3E-6c. 3* Vice Admiral



Fig 3E-6d. 2* Rear Admiral



Fig 3E-6e. 1* Commodore

Commodore Shoulder Boards Picture to be
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(7) *Officer's Sleeve Lace, Shoulder Straps and Shoulder Badges:***Fig 3E-7a.**
Admiral of the Fleet**Fig 3E-7b.**
Admiral**Fig 3E-7c.**
Vice Admiral**Fig 3E-7d.**
Rear Admiral**Fig 3E-7e.**
Commodore**Fig 3E-7f.**
Captain**Fig 3E-7g.**
Commander**Fig 3E-7h.**
**Lieutenant
Commander****Fig 3E-7i.**
Lieutenant**Fig 3E-7j.**
Sub-Lieutenant**Fig 3E-7k.**
**Medical Officers
(See Note)****Fig 3E-7l.**
**Midshipman
(Lapel)**

Note. Royal Navy Police Officers will have the words 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' embroidered at the base of the shoulder straps and shoulder badges.

**Fig 3E-7m.
Chaplains' Badge
(no sleeve lace worn)**



**Fig 3E-7n.
QARNNS Officers**

QARNNS Officer
Showing QARNNS
Insignia – Picture to be
Provided

Note. Coloured Distinction Cloth is worn between the gold sleeve lace to distinguish the following:

Medical Officers	-	Scarlet.
Dental Officers	-	Orange
RCNC Officers	-	Grey
Civilian Officers	-	Green

b. Naval Ratings.

(1) Cap Badges and Cap Ribbons:

**Fig 3E-8a.
Warrant Officer 1
Warrant Officer 2**



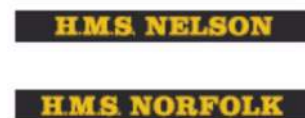
**Fig 3E-8b.
Chief Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-8c.
Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-8d.
Cap Ribbon**



(2) Beret Badges:

**Fig 3E-9a.
Warrant Officer**



**Fig 3E-9b.
Chief Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-9c.
Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-9d.
Artificers**



**Fig 3E-9e.
Junior Ratings**



(3) *Arm Rate Badges:*

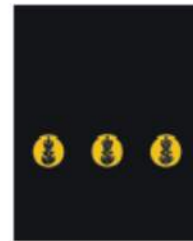
**Fig 3E-10a.
Warrant Officer 1**



**Fig 3E-10b.
Warrant Officer 2**



**Fig 3E-10c.
Chief Petty Officer
(Buttons on cuff)**



**Fig 3E-10d.
Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-10e.
Leading Rate**



(4) *Shoulder Rate Badges:*

**Fig 3E-11a.
Warrant Officer 1**



**Fig 3E-11b.
Warrant Officer 2**



**Fig 3E-11c.
Chief Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-11d.
Petty Officer**



**Fig 3E-11e.
Leading Rate**



**Fig 3E-11f.
Able Rate**



Note. All Royal Navy Police Warrant Officers, Senior Rates and Leading hands will have the words 'ROYAL NAVY POLICE' embroidered at the base of the shoulder badges.

(5) *Good Conduct Badges:*

**Fig 3E-12a.
4 Years**



**Fig 3E-12b.
8 Years**



**Fig 3E-12c.
12 Years**



(6) *Buttons:*

**Fig 3E-13.
Buttons**



(7) *Operation Branch:*

**Fig 3E-14.
Survey Recorder**



Note. All other Operations Branch Badges are currently under review. Pictures of these badges will be inserted in due course.

(8) *Royal Navy Police:*

Fig 3E-15a.
Master at Arms



Fig 3E-15b.
Regulating Petty Officers
and Leading Regulators



Fig 3E-15c.
Royal Navy Police
Shoulder Flash



(9) *Coxswain (SM) Branch:*

Fig 3E-16a.
CPO Coxswain



Fig 3E-16b.
PO and Below



(10) *P.T. Branch:*

Fig 3E-17.
Physical Training



(11) *Fleet Air Arm Branch:*

Fig 3E-18.
Air (See [Note](#))



Note. Letters indicate sub specialisation:

AV	Avionics	SE	Survival Equipment
H	Aircraft Handler	M	Mechanical
METOC	Metrology and Oceanography	R	Radio/Radar
P	Photography	L	Electrical

(12) Engineering Branch:

Note. All Engineering Branch Badges are currently under review. Pictures of these badges will be inserted in due course.

(13) Supply and Secretariat Branch:

Fig 3E-19.
Logistics Branch
(See Note)



Note. Letters underneath denotes sub specialisation:

SC -	Supply Chain	CA -	Catering Services
PERS-	Personnel		

(14) Medical Branch:

Fig 3E-20.
Medical Branch
(See [Note](#))



Note. Letter under denotes sub specialisation:

R	-	Radiographer	L	-	Laboratory
PD	-	Pharmacy Dispenser			

(15) *Short Term Engagement (Seaman):*

**Fig 3E-21.
Short Term Engagement
(Seaman)**



2. Specialist Badges

**Fig 3E-22a.
Marksman**



**Fig 3E-22b.
Charge Chief
Artificers**



**Fig 3E-22c.
Aircraft Controller**



**Fig 3E-22d.
Commando**



**Fig 3E-22e.
Navigators Yeoman**



**Fig 3E-22f.
Subsunk Parachute
Assistance Group**



**Fig 3E-22g.
Flash**



3. Other Categories

**Fig 3E-23.
Other Categories**



Note. Letters in the circle denotes sub specialisation:

DH - Dental Hygienist

DSA - Dental Surgery Assistant

FS - Family Services

QA - Quarters Assistant

ETS - Education and Training Support

4. Volunteer Bands:

**Fig 3E-24a.
Drummer**



**Fig 3E-24b.
Musician**



5. Organisation Badge (Ratings 1A, 1B, 1C dress):

**Fig 3E-25.
Queen Alexandra's Monogram**



6. Naval Careers Service

Worn centrally above the left breast pocket with the lower edge 3mm above the top seam or medal ribbon(s) when worn immediately above the pocket. If necessary, the badge may be displaced towards the left arm sufficient to prevent concealment by the left lapel. **Not to be worn with medals.**

**Fig 3E-26.
Careers Service Officers
and Careers Advisors**

